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## POSTMASTER WISE.

His Commission Mailed to Him Yesterday Afternoon

### AND WILL ASSUME THE DUTIES

Of the Office on January 1st--Senator Faulkner, it is said, will Oppose the Confirmation of O. E. Petty as the Successor of Mrs. Kenna at the Charleston Postoffice--Not Likely to Be Any Organized Opposition--Congressman Dorr Talks About the Propriety of the Displacement of the Widow of Senator Kenna--Is Not Dependent Upon Her Salary for Support.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.--The commission of Mr. George Wise as postmaster of Wheeling was mailed to him to-day, and will doubtless reach him in time for him to take charge of the office January 1.

Representative Dorr called on the President this morning to inquire about the commission, and received the assurance that the matter should receive prompt attention. It is understood the commission was ready for signature a week or more ago, but had simply been overlooked.

Later in the day Mr. Dorr called at the postoffice department and was there informed that Mr. Wise's authority to assume the duties of postmaster had been approved, and the parchment mailed about an hour previous to the call.

### THE CHARLESTON OFFICE.

Mr. Petty's Nomination Will Be Made After Congress Reassembles.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.--It was given out to-day in a semi-official way that Senator Faulkner proposes to fight the confirmation of O. E. Petty, as postmaster at Charleston, W. Va., as the successor of Mrs. Kenna. It is not believed, however, that Mr. Faulkner will do more than enter a personal objection.

The matter was brought to the attention of Representative Dorr this evening. It is upon his recommendation that Mr. Petty is to be nominated and he was asked if it is true that there will be organized opposition to the confirmation. He said: "I have no definite information as to what Mr. Faulkner will do, but I do not believe he will do more than express his objections to a change. Mr. Faulkner knows, of course, that the Charleston postmaster-ship is a political position, and will doubtless recall that Mr. McWhorter, the Republican incumbent for a brief period under President Harrison, was turned out long before the expiration of his term, to make room for Mrs. Kenna. He had served, I believe, but eighteen months."

There is another thing," continued Mr. Dorr, "which should not be overlooked, and that is that Mrs. Kenna is not dependent upon her salary for support. She is worth more money than any of the Republican applicants for the office. I can say, also, that if the conditions were otherwise, there would probably have been no serious demand upon the part of any one to displace her. It seems the sole effort now is to create a sympathy and courtesy, but when I contribute to the needs of another, it will be of that which I can call my own, and not of what belongs to some one else. I repeat, there is no evidence, so far as I have been informed, that Mrs. Kenna needs the proceeds of the office for her support."

"The senate of the United States did the proper thing when it voted her the aggregate of her husband's salary to the expiration of what would have been his term, and the present administration has not been lacking in respect so far as I can see. Her commission as postmistress expired last June, and she has been permitted to remain in office until now."

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### Other Postmasters Selected.

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West Virginia postmasters of the fourth class have been appointed as follows: Mrs. Mary Collins, Craigsville, Nicholas county; James B. Nicely, Lee town, Jefferson county; B. H. Grim, Rock, Mercer county; G. W. McIntire, Thomas, Tucker county.

### Recent Pensioners.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.--Pension certificates have been issued to West Virginia applicants as follows: Original--Lyman H. Wood, Huntington, \$8 per month; Zachariah Miller, Jr., \$12; Thomas Jefferson, Charleston, \$8. Re-issue--Daniel F. Fawcett, Kingwood, \$17. Dependents--Minors of Aaron Stubler, Kingsville, \$14.

Certificates have been issued also to Robert M. McCullough, Canonsburg, Pa., original pension at rate of \$12 per month; and to miner of Thomas J. Craig, Carmichael, Pa., \$10.

### West Virginia Personalities.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.--Representative and Mrs. Dorr were the recipients to-day, of numerous congratulations upon the rounding up of the thirty-second year of their married life.

Mr. and Mrs. Warner Stutler have gone to their old home in West Union, W. Va., for a brief visit. They were called there partly by the illness of Mrs. Stutler's sister.

### Fought Over Postoffice.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 28.--Kendall, this county, was the scene of a lively fight over the postoffice a few days ago. Mr. Price was the former postmaster and Mr. Hill had been appointed to succeed him. Price refused to give the office up, and Hill and his new deputy defended themselves, and there was a rough and tumble fight. The postoffice department was notified, and Col. Sam Houston, postoffice inspector was sent on to-day, and He and Deputy Marshal Cun-

ningham went up to straighten things out, but found that peace had been declared and Hill was in possession of the office.

### MRS. LOWMAN'S SUICIDE

At Pittsburgh--Her Husband a Patient at the North Wheeling Hospital.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 28.--Mrs. Natrona Lowman, wife of Thomas Lowman, the oil driller, who was burned some time ago, and is now at the North End Hospital, Wheeling, died at the Allegheny General Hospital at 12:30 p. m., after having been in a comatose state forty-eight hours. She was thirty-nine years old and lived at 147 East street, Allegheny. Drs. George A. Holliday and H. F. Frederick say she had been in a state of coma since last Sunday morning. Late yesterday afternoon she was received at the hospital.

About an hour after she became unconscious Dr. E. L. Neff, of 77 Arch street, was called to attend her. He found in addition to her jaws being set that the pupils of her eyes were greatly contracted, indicating that she had taken some poison, probably strychnine. This led the hospital doctors to believe that Mrs. Lowman committed suicide.

Miss Vernie Lowman, a nineteen year old daughter, declared that the only thing that had passed Mrs. Lowman's lips was a glass of beer. It was about five minutes after taking this that she was seized with convulsions and then lapsed into unconsciousness. The daughter said that since her father was burned recently in a gas explosion her mother had been despondent. All day Christmas mother and daughter remained at home. That night Mrs. Lowman left the house, and remained away until 9 o'clock Sunday morning. The daughter arose about that hour and found her mother sitting in the dining room. She offered no explanation as to her absence, but appeared to be suffering great pain. Finally she asked for some bromo-seltzer, and this the daughter got for her. Later she drank a glass of beer, and about five minutes after fell from her chair to the floor and went into convulsions.

### Had an Engagement to Dance.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 28.--Irwin Rigg, who escaped from the Fayette county jail, on Christmas day, returned last night, and gave himself up. He said he had had an engagement for a long time to attend a dance, at the house of some friends, on Christmas night, and did not want to break it. He had no intention, he says, of staying away permanently. No reward had been offered for his arrest. He was in jail waiting his second trial for the murder of Luther Morrison.

### Clarkson-Laidley.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 28.--H. Bradford Clarkson and Miss Mary Louise Laidley, were married to-night at St. John's Episcopal church. Both are representatives of the oldest families in the valley. It was a large and fashionable function, the guests numbering several hundred persons. There were ten bridesmaids.

### OHIO SENATORIAL CONTEST.

Major Dick in Columbus to Take Charge of Hanna's Interests.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 28.--Major Charles Dick arrived from Cleveland to-night to assume charge of Senator Hanna's personal interests in the senatorial election. Mr. Hanna is not expected here before Sunday, and in the meantime, Major Dick will shape up affairs to combat as successfully as possible, the opposition to his chief.

The rooms at the Neal house, occupied by Senator Sherman as headquarters in his memorable contest with Senator Foraker six years ago, have been secured by Major Dick for Mr. Hanna. Major Dick will have a corps of lieutenants to assist him and the prospects are for a very lively skirmish. But few of the members-elect of the general assembly have arrived and the majority will probably not come to the capital city until Friday, the day previous to the caucuses for the organization of the upper and lower houses.

The list of members claimed by Charles L. Kurtz in opposition to Senator Hanna as given out to-night, contains the names of two senators and six representatives, but Major Dick does not concede that any of these members will vote against Senator Hanna.

### INDIANA REPUBLICANS

Hold a Conference--They Are in Favor of Proposed Currency Reform.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 28.--Five hundred representatives of the Republican party of Indiana, outside of the city of Indianapolis, attended to-day's conference. The meeting was for talk and little else, and was the largest "off-year" meeting the party ever held. The meeting was held a little later in the year in order that the United States senator from the state and the Republican representatives might be present, and they all came.

The influential men in the party were encouraged by the statements of the senator and representatives that there is hope for currency reform, not by radical legislation, but action that will tend to set the party right before the people. The unanimity of the party in the state on the proposition that the currency must be reformed was a surprise to a good many of the men attending the conference. The Democrats, it was averred will declare for free silver in their next state platform, and the Republicans will, of course, take the opposite ground. In the event of the failure of Congress to take action looking to the reform of the currency, members of the party said the party in this state would go into the state campaign embarrassed and on the defensive from the start.

The chief speakers were United States Senator Charles W. Fairbanks and Governor James A. Mount. Senator Fairbanks paid a high tribute to the President. He said: "In my humble judgment a more patriotic citizen of the republic never graced the chair of the chief executive."

### Will See the Bank.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 28.--Attorney General Smythe to-day brought suit against the Omaha National bank to recover \$201,000 on the check for which the State Treasurer Bartley is now under sentence of twenty years' penal servitude. Bartley negotiated the original warrant through the Omaha National bank, and when called upon to redeem it, deposited state money there to the amount of the claim and then drew a check which was cashed.

## VIEWS IN ACCORD.

Rumored Resignation of the Secretary of the Treasury,

### AND THAT PRESIDENT REFUSED

To Accept It Substantially Correct, but That There was no Formal Tender of a Resignation--The Secretary and the President Had Some Conversation on the Subject, and the Latter Informed Him That Their Financial Views Fully Accorded, and That He Would not Hear of Him Laying Down His Portfolio.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.--Assistant Secretary Vanderlip, when asked to-day, concerning a report that Secretary Gage had tendered his resignation, and that Mr. McKinley had refused to accept it said: "There is nothing in it."

The report in question gave Mr. Vanderlip as authority for the assertion, Secretary Gage himself left for New York this morning.

Mr. Vanderlip when questioned further said that so far as he was quoted as authority for the assertion he could say that there was nothing in it, for he had never so stated to any person. As to whether or not Mr. Gage had refused to resign and Mr. McKinley had refused to accept it, he (Vanderlip) could say nothing, for he did not know whether it was so or not.

It is believed in some usually well informed circles that the report is substantially correct, but that there was no formal tender of a resignation. It is regarded as probable that at some conversation with the President, Mr. Gage, in an informal way, said that he would resign if his financial views were embarrassing the administration, and that the President in reply stated very positively that he did not want his secretary of the treasury to do any such thing.

It is learned furthermore, that at the time of this conversation the President informed Mr. Gage that their views were in accord, and that he must not think of resigning. It is regarded as certain that Mr. Gage will continue in office.

Secretary Gage was seen to-day on his return from New York and questioned as to the truth of the published report that he had tendered his resignation to the President and that it had been firmly declined with many expressions of confidence and appreciation of his ability as shown in his administration of the treasury department. Mr. Gage was not inclined to discuss the matter at length, but said that he had not tendered his resignation, nor had he any reason to believe that he and the President were not in substantial accord on the great questions now before the country. The report, he said, probably sprung from a remark he had made to intimate friends, to the effect that not for anything would he embarrass the President, and if he saw that he was doing this he would resign at once.

He added: "A cabinet officer ought always to be and is ready to surrender his office at the call of his chief, the executive, but I have not the slightest reason to believe that such action on my part is even remotely desired by the President. The desires of other people in that direction I am not disposed to consider."

### Brief Cabinet Session.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.--To-day's cabinet meeting was unusually brief. Secretaries Gage and Bliss being out of the city and Secretary Alger III, only five members attended. The appeal to the American people for aid for the sufferers in Cuba was the principal topic of discussion. The President and all the members of the cabinet are deeply interested in the relief project and have taken every means at the command of the administration to facilitate the extension of relief through the state department here and Consul General Lee. Several department matters of minor importance also were brought to the President's attention.

### Will Co-operate With the United States.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.--The Canadian minister of the interior, Mr. Sefton, and his secretary, Mr. McKenna, were waited upon at their hotel this morning by Assistant Secretary Melkeljohn, of the war department, and welcomed in the name of Secretary Alger. They were then driven around the suburbs, including the Soldiers' Home grounds, until noon, when Secretary Alger, who had risen from his sick bed for the purpose, entertained his visitors at luncheon. He learned that Mr. Sefton, in accepting Secretary Alger's invitation to come to Washington for the purpose of consultation respecting Klondike relief measures, telegraphed that his government was heartily in favor of co-operation with the United States authorities in the effort to aid the miners in the Klondike.

### Lenz's Murderers Convicted.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.--An indication of the willingness of the Turkish government to oblige the United States minister at Constantinople, who has been pressing for the punishment of the murderers of the American bicyclist, Lenz, is contained in a cable-gram from Minister Angell, received to-day at the state department, announcing that the murderers have been convicted and sentenced to fifteen years' imprisonment. These murderers, however, are at large, having escaped months ago into the Russian Caucasus, so that the Turkish government has prosecuted, condemned and sentenced them in their absence.

### Another Treaty on Tap.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.--The Orange Free State has ratified the extradition treaty between that country and the United States, recently negotiated, and has returned the document to Washington, where it awaits the action of the United States senate. It was this convention, together with a similar treaty negotiated with the Argentine Republic, that made up an issue between President Cleveland and the senate resulting in the shelving of both treaties.

### Autonomist Mayors Inaugurated.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.--The Spanish minister has received a dispatch from Havana, stating that the autonomist mayors of Huelva and Jimanabeco had been inaugurated amid great enthusiasm, the people receiving them with shouts of "Long Live Spain!"

### CAUSED BY DRINK.

Stabbed by His Best Friend, He Refuses to Identify Him at the Hospital.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.--John Healey died to-day in a hospital from the wounds inflicted by George H. Lincoln, a designer. Healey had been out of work for some time, and Lincoln, who is married, befriended him and the two men were the best of friends.

On Christmas day Lincoln entered his home intoxicated, and threatened to strike his wife. Healey interceded for her. The wife ran into another room. When she returned, after hearing sounds of a struggle, she found Healey covered with blood. Her husband had gone to a hospital. Lincoln, who was only slightly wounded, was arrested and taken to Healey's bedside. Healey positively denied that he had ever seen Lincoln before, and died to-day refusing to implicate his old friend in any way.

Lincoln is so distressed over the affair that it is feared he will attempt to commit suicide. He was remanded to await the action of the coroner.

### Durrant Must Hang.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.--Late this afternoon the supreme court, after having heard the matter argued in chambers, denied the application of the attorneys for W. H. T. Durrant, the condemned murderer of Blanche Lamont, for a writ of probable cause. It was contended by Durrant's counsel that Judge Barker, in having fixed the date for the execution of the client within less than sixty days after the date upon which he was re-committed to the custody of the warden of San Quentin prison. The supreme court, however, after hearing the points relied upon for reversal, denied the petition unanimously.

### Zanoli Evidently Poisoned His Wives.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.--Charles Zanoli, the barber who is suspected of murdering Jennie Sumner, his fourth wife and who obtained insurance on the lives of a number of persons, was again arraigned in police court to-day. As Prof. Witthaus had not completed his chemical analysis of Jennie Sumner's body, the case went over to January 8. Assistant District Attorney Vanwyck stated that Professor Witthaus had told him that he found three kinds of poison in the body, but has not yet been able to ascertain whether these persons were injected with the embalming fluid, or were administered before death.

### Negro Murderer Lynched.

MINTON CITY, Miss., Dec. 28.--Joseph Hopkins, the negro who murdered two white farmers on Christmas day at Glendora, a small inland town near this place, was captured by a posse at daylight this morning, on the James plantation, near Swan Lake. He was at once taken to the scene of his terrible crime. Hopkins confessed his guilt and did not plead for mercy, but begged his captors to make quick work of him and little time was lost in carrying out the request. A rope was placed about the negro's neck and he was hanged to a limb of a tree. The body was then riddled with bullets and left hanging.

### Completed Their Plans.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 28.--The promoters of the Citizens' Coal Company, which will be composed of Pittsburgh and Cincinnati operatives, to-day continued their meeting begun yesterday, and this evening had completed plans for the new company. A meeting will be held in this city on January 18 for organization, election of officers, etc. The entire capital, \$4,000,000, was subscribed to-day, the plans of the Pittsburgh people being taken as \$2,000,000 cash. When all the operators interested had subscribed the necessary capital was short nearly \$100,000. The deficiency was made up by W. A. McDonald, the Cincinnati Standard Oil man, who will in all likelihood be president of the company. It was decided that five of the elevators owned by the company should be shut down, leaving but six in operation after the first of the year. Under the new agreement no coal will be delivered in Cincinnati from Pittsburgh or the Kanawha valley unless \$2 a ton is secured.

### Installed Before Daylight.

MOBILE, Ala., Dec. 28.--Postmaster P. D. Barker was installed before daylight this morning in the office here, after an all-night vigil in the postoffice. Two of the employees refused to take oath to the new postmaster and were suspended. Colonel Rapier sued out a writ of injunction in the United States circuit court. The plea was that Barker was not and is not postmaster because Rapier has not been legally removed, and Barker's name has not been sent to the senate. Rapier asked that Barker be enjoined from interfering with him in the discharge of his duties as postmaster. Judge Toulin refused to grant the injunction.

### Will Appeal to Higher Court.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 28.--The criminal suit against Captain Samuel S. Brown, the coal operator, for alleged violation of the act of assembly passed by the last legislature, prohibiting the screening of coal before weighing, has been appealed to the superior court. John Haddon was the prosecutor in the case. The appeal was taken by the commonwealth through District Attorney John C. Haymaker and Attorney W. J. Brennan. The costs of the appeal will be paid by the local organization of miners. Judge Frazer recently declared the act unconstitutional.

### Cutting Into Passenger Business.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 28.--President R. R. Callaway, of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railway, said to-day: "For some time railroad men have been trying to find the reason why, in spite of the fact that business is increasing, especially in the transportation of freight, the passenger business is languishing. After figuring on the matter for some time we have come to the conclusion that the long distance telephone is responsible. Business men are using it more and more and the way it is cutting into our business is a very serious matter to us."

### West Virginian Honored.

MONTREAL, Dec. 28.--The annual meeting of the Geological Society of America was held to-day and the following officers were elected: President, John J. Stevenson, New York; first vice president, B. K. Emerson, Amherst; second vice president, George M. Dawson, Ottawa, Ont.; secretary, H. L. Fawcett, Rochester, N. Y.; treasurer, J. C. White, Morgantown, W. Va.; editor, J. T. Brown, Washington, D. C.; librarian, H. P. Cushing, Cleveland; councilors, W. M. Davis, New York; Robert Bell, Ottawa; M. E. Wadsworth, Houghton, Mich.

### Prominent Ohio Lawyer Dead.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 28.--Word is received in Cleveland that E. J. Estep died at Pasadena, Cal., to-day, of paralysis, aged seventy-eight years. Mr. Estep was one of the foremost corporate lawyers of Ohio, and had a wide reputation. Three years ago he went to California for his health.

## ANOTHER STORY

Told About Starvation in the Klondike Gold Region

### BY MINERS JUST RETURNED.

They Passed Many Men on the Trails Who Will Not Get Out Until the Ice Breaks Up--While Starvation is not Imminent There is no Surplus Food at Dawson City--They Say the Proposed Relief Expedition of the Government is a Humbug--Stories of Distress Told by Men Who Wanted an Excuse for Returning Home.

### VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 28.--

The steamer Tees, from Skaguay, brought down four Klondikers, Richard Shaw, of Victoria, who left Dawson on November 16, and three other Victorians who started on their tramp October 27. The party leaving on the latter date ran out of provisions at Fort Selkirk, and had to beg their way along, getting food at different camps or when it was not to be had, living on anything they could shoot. Shaw came out by dog train, leaving Dawson after the ice formed. He passed fifty men along the river, bound outward. They were all coming along with just enough food to last them.

At Stewart river, forty-three outfits, bound for Dawson were frozen in. Two or three rafts of beef, which were on the bars just above Dawson, were carried down the river right past the town by the floating ice on the night of November 15. Americans complain bitterly of having to pay duty on their outfits at Tagish Lake.

J. W. McKay, who left Dawson on November 13, reached Skaguay before the steamer Tees left. It is stated that he brought out \$5,000 in dust. Shaw says none of the men on the trails will get down until the ice goes out in the spring.

The last to leave Dawson were Messrs. Egan and Kiestlen. They made even better time than the McKays, completing the journey in twenty-three and one-half days.

All agree that the most serious shortage at Dawson is in candles and oil. This will reduce the output of the mines as an absence of artificial light will prevent their being worked to their full capacity. Edward Conrad, when asked if there is danger of starvation at Dawson, replied emphatically: "No, sir; there is not a surplus of food, but there will be no starvation."

When asked for an opinion on the governmental expedition, he said: "It is a humbug and I doubt if it can get down to Dawson before the ice breaks. The men who come out and say that starvation lurks there are men who were there only a few weeks, got discouraged, homesick and cry starvation as an excuse for coming out."

Conrad's statements, so far as they related to the improbability of starvation, were endorsed by all the other arrivals seen.

### To Inspect Foreign Missions.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.--At a meeting of the prudential committee of the American board of commissioners for foreign missions to-day, it was voted to send a deputation to China, consisting of Rev. Judson Smith, D. D., secretary of the foreign department, Colonel Charles Hawkins and Samuel Shapleigh, of Alton. The visit is made in response to urgent and repeated invitations from the North China, Foo Chow and Shanai missions. They wish the executive officials to know their work and its surroundings as they themselves know it, by actual contact and observation. The visit is to be made during the earlier months of the year. Every mission will be visited and as far as practicable every station in each mission and enough out-stations to make the deputation familiar with the methods of work and with the native laborers and the homes of the native Christians.

### The Uniformity Scheme.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 28.--Forty per cent of the Pittsburgh district coal operators have signed a legal document binding them to uniformity and expect to be operating under the new plan by January 1. The signers will meet on Thursday to ratify their signatures and get matters in shape for the new year. Enough signatures have been secured to convince the promoters of the scheme that it can be pushed to success. Those in the agreement have the co-operation of the miners, and those without the fold will be compelled to pay ten cents more than the regular district price for mining until they come to uniformity or until uniformity is proven a failure. From the present outlook it is believed about one-half the mines in the district will be on strike after January 15.

### Captured Insurgent Camp.

HAVANA, Dec. 28.--According to announcements from Spanish sources, the combined operations undertaken by General Aguirre, in the province of Santa Clara, have resulted in the capture of an insurgent camp, twenty of the enemy being killed and three captured. The Spanish loss was two killed and seven captured. It is further reported that the Spanish troops have been engaged with the insurgents commanded by Naples. In this the insurgents are said to have lost several men killed and the Spaniards said that after the engagement an insurgent captured and seven armed privates surrendered.

### Six Lives Lost at Sea.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 28.--A special dispatch from Bermuda reports an accident at sea on the ship Vanloo, in which six lives were lost. The Vanloo, which is on a voyage from Cardiff to St. John, N. B., has put in there with the loss of her sails.

She reported that on the 20th instant the foredeck suddenly parted and fell to the deep. Of nine men who were carried down by it three were killed instantly and three others who jumped into the sea were drowned.

### Bequests to Episcopalian Institutions.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.--The will of Charles Condit was filed for probate to-day. After a number of bequests to relatives and friends the residue of the estate amounting to about \$1,500,000 will be divided in equal shares among the General Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal church, the Dominican and Foreign Mission Society of the Protestant Episcopal church and a large number of local institutions.

### THE EASTERN QUESTION.

Japan's Fleet in Close Touch with the British Squadron--Permanent Occupation of Port Arthur by Russia Will Be Opposed.

LONDON, Dec. 28.--A special dispatch from Shanghai, dated yesterday (Tuesday) says: "It is reported that a Japanese fleet of over twenty warships is waiting near Goto island, outside Nagasaki, fully equipped for war, and only awaiting instructions. This includes the Yashima and the Fuji, two of the finest vessels in the Japanese navy and the Chen Yuen, that was captured from China. The Japanese fleet, it is understood, is acting in close touch with the British squadron under vice admiral, Sir Alexander Buller, commander-in-chief on the China station."

"Japan will certainly oppose a permanent Russian occupation of Port Arthur. The sudden dissolution of the Japanese Diet was owing to the war split. It is expected that the Japanese fleet will attempt to prevent the landing of reinforcements from Odessa for the protection of the Russian trans-Asiatic railway in Manchuria."

PEKIN, Dec. 28.--The German question is unsettled. China's difficulty is increased owing to the uncertainty of the attitude of the powers. Germany's withdrawal from Kiaochow bay is said to be conditional upon her finding a suitable naval station elsewhere. China is becoming alarmed at the present situation. The government appears to be utterly powerless. No answer has been received from Russia concerning the proposed loan. There are calamitous forebodings connected with the sun's eclipse on the Chinese New Year's day.

VIENNA, Dec. 28.--The Neue Wiener Tageblatt claims that Count Goluchowski, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, foretold everything in the famous speech appealing to Europe to unite against America. It adds:

"There is plenty of room for all, and if England will fight with the European powers against these dangerous rivals, the United States and Japan, the prospect of what united Europe is capable will be given in Eastern Asia."

### POTTERS' WAGES

To Be Restored--The Trenton Manufacturers Agree to the Proposition.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 28.--The manufacturing potters of this city and the men employed in the clay department had a conference to-day at which it was agreed that the wages should be restored to the 12 1/2 per cent cut made in the wages in 1894. This finishes up the conference of the manufacturers with the men in the several departments of their work, and means an all round restoration of the 12 1/2 per cent cut, the restoration to remain in effect until February 1.

In the meantime it is hoped to get the manufacturers of the east and west together for the purpose of agreeing upon a uniform scale of wages. The eastern manufacturers claim that with the increase they will be paying the men more than is paid to the western operatives.

### Kittanning Pottery Strike.

KITTANNING, Pa., Dec. 28.--President John Wick yesterday refused to restore to the employees of the Wick China Company the twelve and one-half per cent and to-day every man is on strike. Wick stated to some of the men that he would never hire any of them again. The operatives are preparing for a long fight.

### Cut in Wages Restored.

BEAVER FALLS, Pa., Dec. 28.--The proprietors of the Mayor Bros. pottery at this place have announced to their 250 operatives that the wage cut of 1894 of 12 1/2 per cent, had been restored to them, thus making an advance of 14 1/2 per cent on their present wages, to date from Christmas day.

### Wage Contracts to Be Renewed.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 28.--The wage contract in force at the several works of the Carnegie Steel Company will terminate by agreement Friday. The present contract, which has been in effect since 1895, will be renewed with all employees except the tonnage hands. The bonus payments which the company has made since June, 1895, in addition to the contract rates, will be continued to all employees receiving the bonus now, including tonnage, turn and day men, upon the same conditions as heretofore. New contracts will be signed to-morrow between the company and the tonnage men.

### Cotton Mill Situation.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 28.--The cotton mill situation here is still uncertain, but it is thought the operatives will not forcibly resist the reduction of their wages when it goes into effect next week.

### American Historical Association.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 28.--Learned men from all over the land are assembled in Cleveland to-day. The occasion is the thirteenth annual meeting of the American Historical Association, which is holding its second congress west of the Alleghenies. Mr. James F. Rhodes, second vice president, of Boston, called the meeting to order and presided in the absence of President James Schouler. The discussion was opened by George Packer Winship, of Providence, R. I., who spoke upon the subject "The discovery of John Cabot, a brief and very interesting paper. He was followed by Prof. E. P. Schreyer, of the University of Pennsylvania, in a discussion as to what extent "sources" may profitably be used in the teaching of history below the graduate school.

### Good Birth for Adlai.